

CARR-1610

1008 South Main Street, Hampstead

Summary:

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Richard C. Wells House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1008 South Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Hampstead ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas Raver

street & number c/o General Delivery telephone no.:

city, town Hampstead state and zip code Maryland 21074

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber CCC 620

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 291

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE ATTACHED

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C.1877-79

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE ATTACHED

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .45 A.

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Planner

organization Carroll County Planning & Develop. date May 27, 1999

street & number 225 North Center Street telephone (410) 386-2145

city or town Westminster state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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Description

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The Dr. Richard C. Wells House is located at 1008 Main Street in Hampstead in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The house is located on the west side of the street and faces east. It is the fourth building north of Houcksville Road. It is a 2 ½ story five bay by two bay frame structure with a 2 story two bay by one bay wing attached to the north. The house has aluminum siding and a gable roof with standing seam metal and with a north/south ridge on both the main block of the house and the north wing. On the west are numerous additions. There is a 2 story two bay by two bay shed roofed wing on the west side of the north wing. To the south of the shed roofed wing is a 2 story two bay by two bay gable roofed wing with a ridge that runs east/west. This wing could be an original ell. To the south of this ell is a 2 story three bay by one bay shed roof wing along the south three bays of the main block. Attached to this 2 story wing is a 1 story two bay by one bay shed roof wing. Attached to the west elevation of the northern shed roof wing and the ell is a 1 story four bay by one bay shed roof wing.

On the east elevation, the first story of the main block has a center door that is new with two 1/1 sash with 1-light transoms to each side. There is a three bay 1 story hip roof porch with standing seam metal and four wood posts. The second story has five 1/1 sash. The cornice has paired brackets with dentils between them. There is a central gabled wall dormer with a semi-circular arched 2/2 sash. The east elevation of the north wing was probably built at the same time. The first story has a 1/1 sash to the south and a new door to the north. There is a two bay 1 story hip roof porch with standing seam metal. The second story has two 1/1 sash. The wing has a lower roof with smaller single brackets on the cornice and dentils between the brackets. There is a central gabled wall dormer with no opening.

The south elevation on the first story has a 1/1 sash in both the west wing and the west bay of the main block. The second story has three 1/1 sash; one of them in the west wing. The gable end has two 1/1 sash. The north elevation of the north wing on the first story has a 1/1 sash. There are two 1/1 sash on the first story of the shed roofed north addition. The second story has no opening in the east bay; has a 1/1 sash in the west bay and has no openings in the northern addition. On the west elevation, the 1 story four bay shed roofed wing has a door; a 1/1 sash and paired 6/6 sash on the first story. The second story of the ell has two 1/1 sash. The second story of the shed roofed north addition has one 1/1 sash. The 1 story wing south of the ell has a new sliding door and a 6/6 sash. The second story of the 2 story wing that is attached to the west side of the main block and to which the 1 story wing was later attached has a 1/1 sash in both the north and south bays. The first story of this wing has a 1/1 sash in the south bay as well.

Contributing resources 1.

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The timing of his purchase and construction, right as the Hanover Branch of the Western Maryland Railway was reaching town, was probably not coincidental. Wells may have been waiting to see what kind of future Hampstead was to have, and did not commit himself until it was clear that the railroad was coming, and development (and patients) with it. The house Wells built was a large, traditional center passage plan structure with a few additional features that would have distinguished it from its neighbors. These included the robust bracketed cornice and the central gabled wall dormer, probably one of the earliest in the town, but a feature that would be copied by many in the 1880's. The dwelling was also unique for its narrow two-story wing, also with a central gabled wall dormer. This was probably built as Dr. Wells' office. A similar arrangement can be seen at the brick house where Wells had lived, though it is not clear if this actually predates 1877.

At an unknown date Dr. Wells moved to Baltimore City, though it was probably after he retired from medicine. He sold his house in Hampstead in 1936 to his two unmarried daughters, but they also were living in Baltimore so the house was probably a rental property for some years. One thing that is unclear is how Wells could be practicing medicine in 1850 and still alive in 1936. Perhaps the son Constant Wells was also named Richard C. Wells, and it was he who built this house. In that case, he would have been much younger when he built it, and the interpretation would change some. The house has been added on to on several occasions, on the rear, and apparently is a rental property at this time.

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme:

Architecture

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Resource Type:
Single Family Dwelling

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Bibliography

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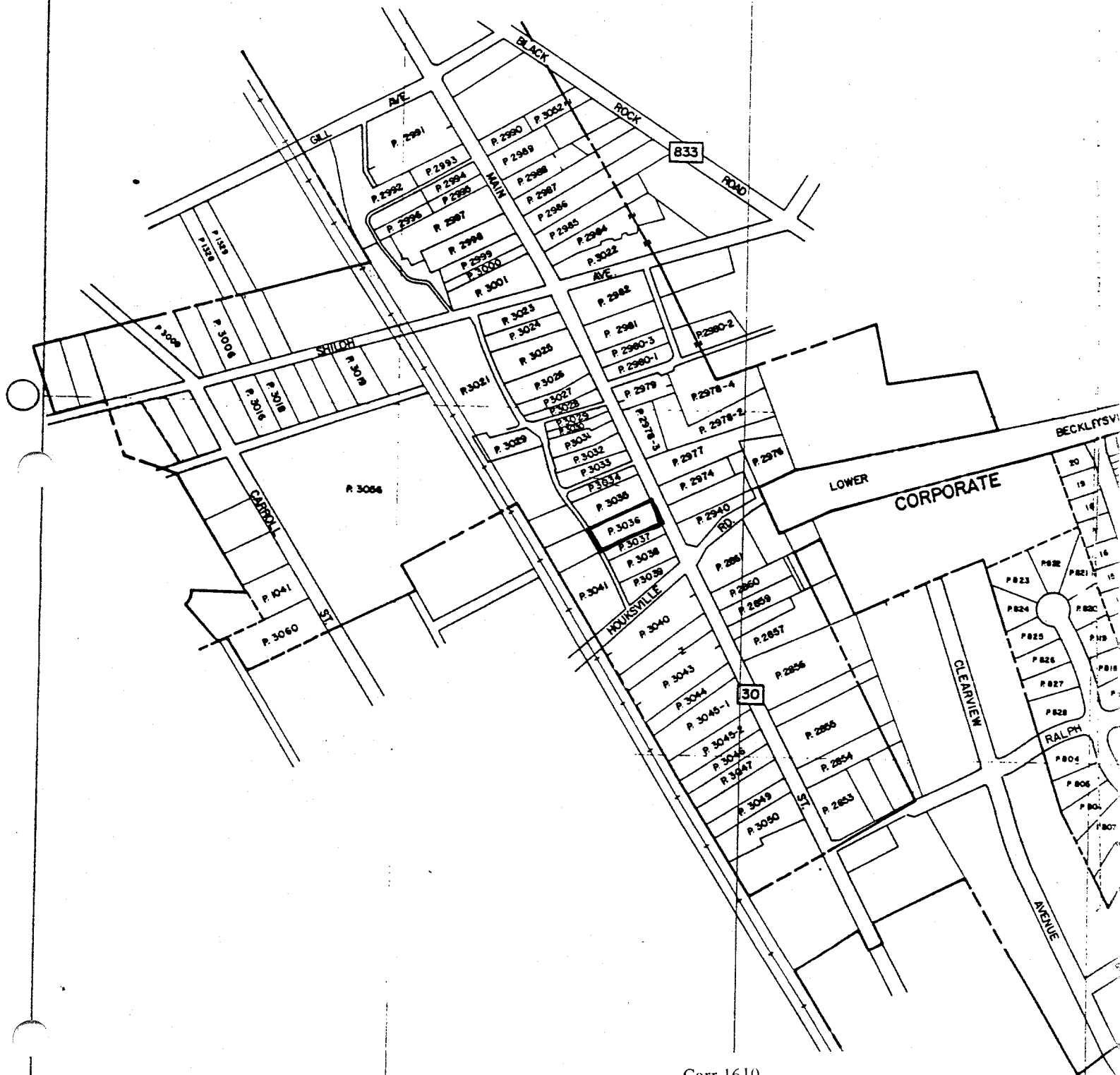
J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Western Maryland*, 1883, p. 892

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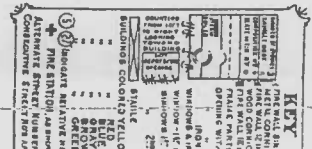
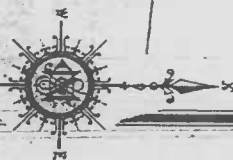
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Ralph S. Walsh	Carroll	Thomas A. Raver	Carroll.	31 Mar. 1976	CCC 620	291	Deed fee simple	\$10,000 - .45 acres, Paul Walsh 4 Sept. 1970
S. LaRue Crowl	Carroll	Paul J. Walsh, Ralph S. Walsh, son	Carroll	27 June 1957	EAS 277	506	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 (1) .45 acres, (2) 51 acres, (3) 14,220 sq. ft., (4) 7.353 acres, (5) 16 acres
Paul J. Walsh, widower	Carroll	S. LaRue Crowl	Carroll	27 June 1957	EAS 277	503	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 - .45 acres
Mary A. Wells, Anna Louise Wells	Baltimore City	Paul J. & Naomi C. Walsh (wife)	Carroll	6 Jan. 1942	LDM 177	497	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 - .45 acres
Richard C. Wells, widower	Baltimore City	Mary A. Wells, Anna Louise Wells	Baltimore City	25 July 1936	EMM 165	26	Deed fee simple	\$5.00 - 1/2 acre, Richard Wells is a doctor
Daniel A. Cox & wife Margaret A.	?	Dr. Richard C. Wells	?	24 Aug. 1877	FTS 49	504	Deed fee	\$125 pt. "Landoff" in Hampstead 1/2 acre
Jesse Ebaugh & wife Matilda	?	Daniel A. Cox	?	15 Mar. 1864	GEW 30	443	Deed fee	\$800 "Landoff" 4 acres

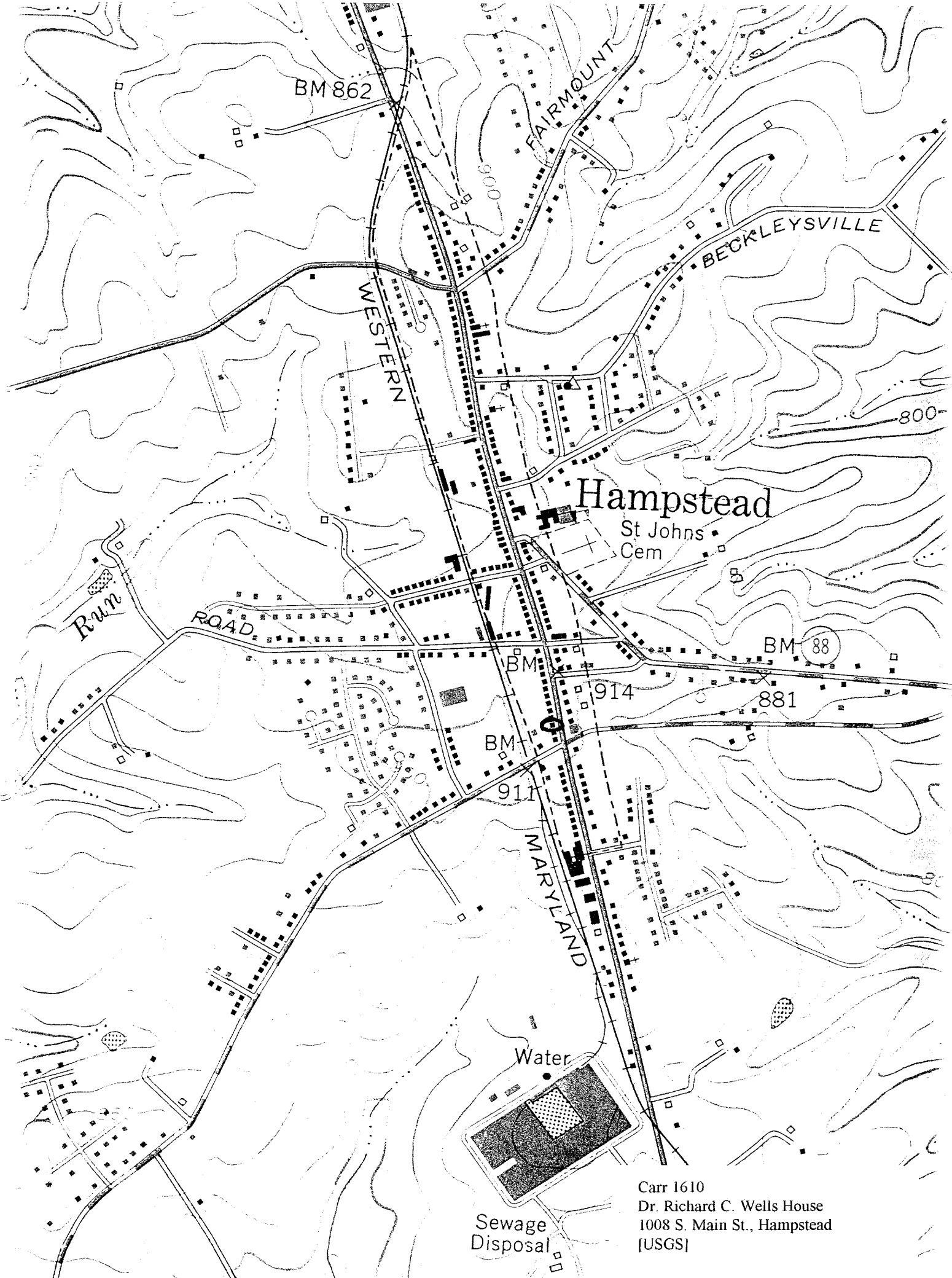


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 Dr. Richard C. Wells House
 1008 S. Main St., Hampstead
 Assessments & Taxation Map, Parcel

502 3036

No Exposure





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1008 SOUTH MAIN STREET
HAMPSTEAD, CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
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